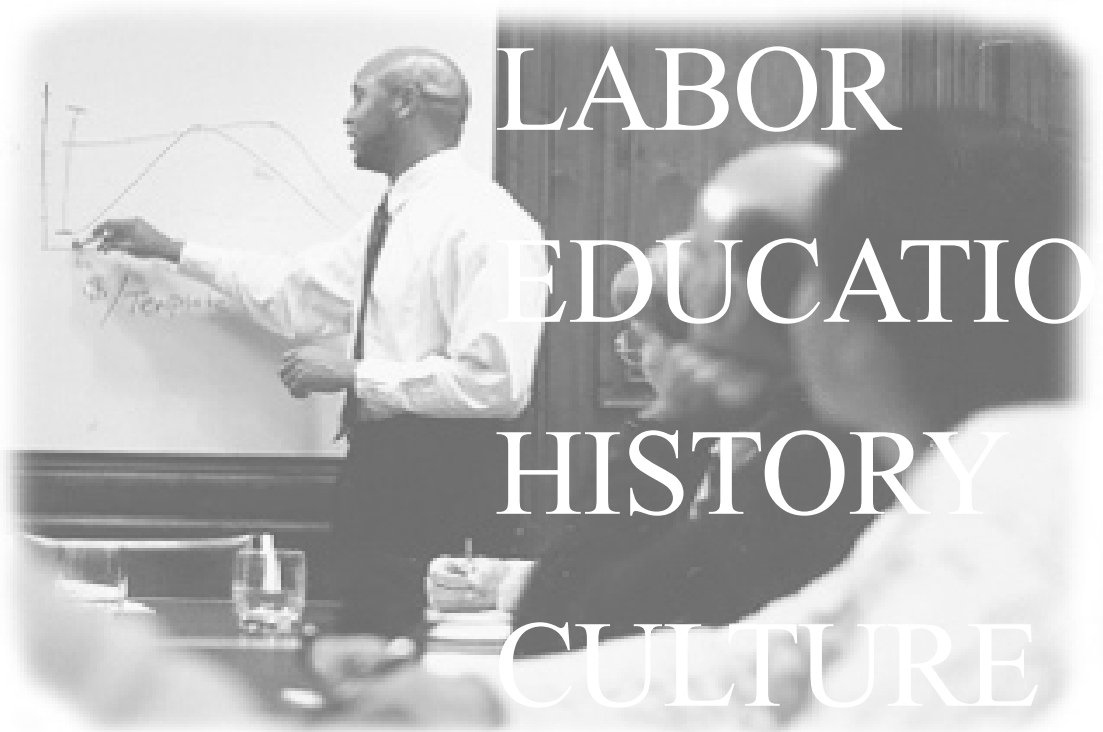


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History¹

Jackson Parish, named after president Andrew Jackson, was created on February 27, 1845. It was formerly part of Claiborne Parish, which had in turn been part of the large Natchitoches Territory. The section was first settled by Spanish in 1776.

Culture and Recreation³

One of the most beautiful spots in Jackson Parish is Caney Lake with its fishing, hunting, water sports, and a portion set aside as a wildlife refuge. The parish's annual Christmas Parade, occurring the first Saturday after Thanksgiving, heralds the onset of the Christmas season. This celebration, called Wonderland in the Pines, features more than five million lights and continues through January 1st. The Jackson Heritage Museum of Fine Arts features artisan works and crafts. Several historical landmarks, including the Simms-Ellis House and the Clay-Wilder Home, highlight the parish's history and culture.

Parish Seat¹ Jonesboro¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

None

Parish Population²

1990 15,705

1997 (estimate) 15,536

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White 69%

African American 31%

Other 0%

Male 48%

Female 52%

Population age 0-4 6%

Population age 65 & Over 17%

Geography and Statistics²

Average Elevation 215 ft.

Land Area in Square Miles 570.0

Water Area in Square Miles⁴ 10.4

**Climate²**

Average temperatures

Annual	65°
January	45°
July	82°
Annual average rainfall	66.1 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	6,370
Employed	5,960
Unemployed	410
Unemployment	6.4%

Agriculture¹

Forestry, beef cattle, poultry, egg, and vegetable farming; timber and printing ink.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston

Grambling State University, Grambling

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	4.3%
High school graduate or higher	63.9%
Some college or higher	25.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.2%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²**Private Employers**

Stone Container Paper Div. (Bags/Paper/Paper board)	700
S & G Packaging (Packing services)	280
Wal-Mart Discount Store (Retailer)	125

Public Employers

Jackson Parish School Board (Education)	409
Jackson Parish Hospital (Medical)	180

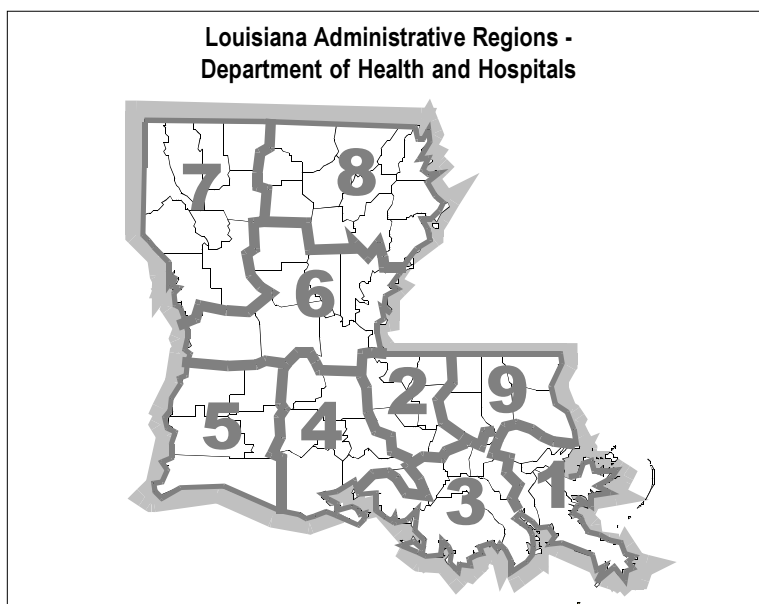
Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	19.1%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	27.7%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$16,433



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⁸ U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration. 1999. keywords: economics and statistical administration <http://www.doc.gov>.



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Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington